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In re Patent Application of:

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For: GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-9

REGULATORY SEQUENCES AND USES

THEREFOR

Examiner: Qian, Celine X.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 6, 2004. A separate request for the appropriate extension of time and fee are being filed herewith.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin at page 3 of this communication.

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 5 of this communication.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 7 of this communication.